Butchers & Their Shops

MEAT HAULING AND PEDDLING

Related to the mining industry was the business of supplying food and vegetables to the miners. Crops were raised in abundance, and the mining communities promised a source of cash to the Midway farmers. Some who began regular peddling routes included William Coleman Sr., Emil Kohler, Ulrich Probst, Austin Kelly, John Carrol, August Kohler, Ernest Kohler, Albert Kohler, Francis Probst and Reed Kohler. At first the trips were made in horse-drawn buggies or sleighs in the winter time and then later in trucks. The trips with horses, particularly in winter blizzards were memorable feats of endurance. This type of business ended around the time of World War I when laws were passed requiring refrigeration of meats and slaughtering in government inspected plants.

